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### UM TAKES FIRST PLACE IN JOURNALISM CONTEST

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The entries of two University of Montana—Missoula journalism students garnered first place for UM in the second round of the national 1995-96 intercollegiate writing competition sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The contest has six rounds.

Lorie Hutson, a senior from Missoula, won second place in the editorial/opinion writing competition and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Kyle Wood, a senior from Miles City, placed third, winning a \$1,000 scholarship. Their combined points put UM in first place for the round.

Hutson and Wood competed against 77 students from 48 other colleges and universities with accredited schools of journalism. UM's journalism school will receive \$2,500 in matching grants from the foundation.

Tara Tuchscherer, a senior from Seymour, Wis., placed 18th in the writing competition's first round, college feature writing, which drew 100 other contestants.

The Hearst Journalism Awards Program also includes photojournalism competitions, and the entries of two UM students took fourth place for UM in the first of three rounds of those competitions.

UM's contestants were Bruce Ely, a junior from Spokane who won \$500 for placing sixth; and Gregory Rec, a senior from Baltic, Conn., who placed 14th. They competed against 41 other contestants.

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Schools that place in the top three at the final round of the Hearst competitions win money: \$10,000 for first place, \$5,000 for second and \$2,500 for third.

UM photojournalists took second place in the 1992-93 photojournalism competitions and have placed in the top 10 for each of the past four years, journalism Associate Professor Patty Reksten said.

Currently, 101 U.S. colleges and universities participate in the Hearst Journalism Awards Program, which awards \$321,700 in scholarships and grants annually.

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